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1. Reports have been received indicating that the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) plans to continue waging the "war of nerves" that has been steadily progressing ever since President Hertzog declared Bolivia to be in a state of siege.
2. The MNR has stated that it will carry on this campaign through active propaganda, through a series of acts of vandalism, and possibly through the planting of bombs in various places. Pamphlets were recently distributed to MNR members pointing out the active campaign of the Comité Anti-Comunista against the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR).
3. The MNR has formed an Emergency Committee to take over the duties of the MNR leaders should anything happen to them. Meanwhile, the task of this committee is to line up the interior of the country against the Government, using the guise of an anti-Communist committee.
4. Further reports have been received indicating that Captain Santos Saavedra and Major Guzman have pledged their support to the MNR in case of need. They will work through ex-Lieutenant San Roman, who is said to be one of the most active and dangerous MNR members. Captain Lopez Sanchez and Captain Alcazar are willing to cooperate, provided that the soldiers of the Arsenal receive bribes in the form of monetary benefits.
5. The MNR has in its possession at least 35 light machine guns and an unreported quantity of rifles. Also, it is reported that they have at least 10,000 rounds of ammunition and desire a further 10,000 rounds more, which may be obtained from contacts in the Arsenal de Guerra. Some of these arms are stored in the Fabrica Rimpollo, owned by Jorge Rios, in the section of La Paz known as Soyocachi. The whereabouts of the rest of the ammunition and arms is not known at this time.
6. Of possible interest is the trip of General David Toro R., one of the most active supporters of the MNR in its present revolutionary plans against President Hertzog and his Government. General Toro is presently in Buenos Aires "for reason of personal interest in connection with the organization of an industrial company," according to what he told newspaper interviewers. It may be, however, that Toro's departure was timed to escape being detained with other MNR leaders upon declaration of the state of siege by the Hertzog Government.
7. The following military supporters are said to be actively cooperating with the MNR in the revolutionary plans:

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Capt. Filiberto Alcazar, Commander of Guard and Security Unit,
Air Forces School, La Paz;
Capt. Santos Sanvedra, Staff of Arsenal de Guerra and Chief of
Infantry Section;
Maj. Guzman, Commandant of Arsenal de Guerra;
Capt. Lopez Sanchez, Arsenal de Guerra officer;
Capt. Raul Tapia Bravo, Sub-Chief of Bolivian National Police;
Lt. Col. Aliaga, member of Carabineros;
Subtte. Flores of Regiment "21 de Julio," located in Guanqui (on
the Alto of La Paz);
Maj. Marceliano Montero, Logia Radepa of Santa Cruz, Bolivia; and
Lt. Col. Vaca Roca, Logia Radepa of Santa Cruz.

8. The following list includes influential civilians who have pledged their support of the MNR:

Sixto Rodriguez, Ave. Busch No. 279;
Mario Torres, Deputy;
Federico Fortun, brother of Colonel Fortun;
Jorge Bedregal, ex-officer of the Transito;
Telmo Siles, liaison with miners and factory workers;
Victor Santa Cruz, ex-Mayor of municipal La Paz;
Carlos Barbary, Secretary General of Sindicato Bancario;
Ela Campero, member of the Women's Division of MNR;
Matilde Olmos, member of the Women's Division of MNR;
Ida Acha, member of the Women's Division of MNR;
Raul Tovar, ex-Secretary of Conflictos de Federacion Sindical de
Trabajadores de Bolivia, Partido Obrero Revolucionario, and MNR;
Julio Acha;
Ricardo Tapia Bravo, Deputy, brother of Capt. Tapia;
Jorge Rios, owner of Fabrica Rimpolio, where arms and ammunition
are being stored;
Eufonio Hinojosa, distributor of propaganda and a member of the
Bankers' Syndicate;
Jaime Palenque Zaballos, worker with university students;
Felix Moscoso, recently returned from a conference in Buenos Aires
with Victor Paz Estenssoro, ex-Chief of the MNR, who is
reportedly directing revolution plans and operations from
Buenos Aires.

9. It is reported that the presence of MNR members at the Falange Socialista Boliviana (FSB) meetings tends to corroborate the general opinion that there is a sealed agreement between the two parties.

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